

HEBER PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS

1078 Dogwood Rd., Suite 104
Heber, CA 92249

Minutes

Thursday, April 16, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.

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1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Meeting was Called to Order at 6:00pm by President Pompeyo Tabarez
2. **ROLL CALL:** All Those Present Included President Pompeyo Tabarez, Vice President Matus, Director Helen Diaz-Molina, Director Sarah Curry, General Counsel Mitchell Driskill, General Manager Madeline Dessert, Finance Manager Luis Carrazco, Clerk of the Board Jacob Bermudez. Absentee: Director Sandoval
3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** President Tabarez led the Pledge of Allegiance
4. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Director Diaz-Molina Motioned to Approve the Agenda. Vice President Matus Seconded the Motion. Motion Approved. AYES: 4 President Tabarez , Vice President Matus, Director Diaz-Molina, Director Curry. NOES: 0/ ABSENTEE: Director Tony Sandoval
5. **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Daniel Guerra And Josue Guerra Made a Public Comment Requesting a Donation for The Patriots Wrestling Club. Maria Randall Made a Public Comment Regarding the Land Fill Rate Increase That Proposed by The County of Imperial. Guadalupe Zaragoza Provided a Public Comment to Express Her Concerns with The Proposed Landfill Rate Increase Proposed by The County of Imperial. A Public Comment Was Received by Esteban Padilla Regarding the Rate Increase for The Landfill Use. Mr. Padilla Also Expressed His Concerns Regarding the Repairs Made to the Pumping on His Property.

- Director Tony Sandoval Joined the Board of Directors Meeting at 6:04pm.

6. **CONSENT AGENDA:** President Tabarez Requested That Item 6.C Be Moved to New Business as Item 8.F. Director Curry Motioned to Approve Items 6.A And 6.B Of the Consent Agenda and Move Item 6.C To New Business as Item 8.F. Director Diaz-Molina Seconded the Motion. Motion Approved. AYES: 5 President Tabarez, Vice President Matus, Director Sandoval, Director Diaz-Molina, Director Curry / NOES: 0
 - A. Approval of the Minutes for the Regular Meeting on March 19, 2026
 - B. Approval of Current Demands for March 2026
 - C. ~~Adopt Resolution Number 2026-03 Authorizing the General Manager to Sign an Agreement Regarding the Special District Membership in and Funding of the Imperial County Local Agency Formation Commission~~

7. REPORTS:

- A. President and Director's Comments – Vice President Matus gave a report on the his tour with IID
- B. Operations Report for March 2026 – Reported with No Additions
- C. General Manager's Report– Reported with No Additions
- D. Grants Update– Reported with No Additions

8. NEW BUSINESS: Discussion and Possible Action

- A. Sponsorship Request for Nunez Dance Studio for Dance Competition in Redondo Beach– Clerk of the Board – General Manager Pulled this Item from the Agenda to be Brought up at a Different Time.
- B. Discussion and Possible Action to Accept the Proposed Rate Increase by Solid Waste Hauler, CR&R Incorporated as Indicated in Contract – General Manger – Director Sandoval Motioned to Approved the Propose Rate Increase by Solid Waste Hauler CR&R. Vice President Matus seconded the motion. Motion Approved. AYES: 5 President Tabarez, Vice President Matus, Director Sandoval, Director Diaz-Molina, Director Curry / NOES: 0
- C. Authorize and Adopt the New Public Comment Language for all Heber Public Utility District Public Meeting – Clerk of the Board – Director Tony Sandoval Motioned to Approve the new Public Comment language for all Heber public Utility District Meetings. Director Curry Seconded the motion. Motion Approved AYES: 5 President Tabarez, Vice President Matus, Director Sandoval, Director Diaz-Molina, Director Curry / NOES: 0
- D. Adopt a schedule for the Fiscal Year 2026/2027 Budget Review – General Manager – Director Curry Motioned to Approve Option 2 for the Fiscal Year 2026/2027 Budget Review Schedule. Director Diaz-Molina Seconded the Motion. Motion Approved AYES: 5 President Tabarez, Vice President Matus, Director Sandoval, Director Diaz-Molina, Director Curry / NOES: 0
- E. Information Only: Third Quarter Budget Review – Finance Manager – Presented with no Additions
- F. Adopt Resolution Number 2026-03 Authorizing the General Manager to Sign an Agreement Regarding the Special District Membership in and Funding of the Imperial County Local Agency Formation Commission – General Manager – Director Curry Motioned to table Resolution Number 2026-03 Authorizing the General Manager to Sign an Agreement Regarding the Special District Membership in and Funding of the Imperial County Local Agency Formation Commission. No Second motion died.

Director Diaz-Molina Motioned to Approve Resolution Number 2026-03 Authorizing the General Manager to Sign an Agreement Regarding the Special District Membership in and Funding of the Imperial County Local Agency Formation Commission. Director Sandoval Seconded the Motion. Motion Failed. AYES: 2 Director Sandoval, Director Diaz-Molina / NOES: President Tabarez, Vice President Matus, Director Curry – Direction was Given to Staff to Bring Item back for Discussion and Possible Action with Additional Information to the May 21, 2026 Board of Directors Meeting.

9. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Dia de los Niños Event – April 30, 2026, from 5:00pm to 8:00pm at Children’s Park

10. CLOSED SESSION: Director Sandoval Motioned to Enter Closed Session at 7:36pm. Director Diaz-Molina Seconded the motion. Motion Approved. AYES: 5 President Tabarez, Vice President Matus, Director Sandoval, Director Diaz-Molina, Director Curry / NOES: 0

To ensure privacy during Closed Session, we will observe the following procedures:

- The Board President will enter Closed Session. Members of the public will exit the boardroom.

A. Potential Litigation (Government Code § 54956.9(d) one matter – General Manager

B. Potential Litigation (Government Code § 54956.9(b) one matter – General Manager

C. Conference with Labor Negotiators (Government Code § 54957.6) Agency Designated Representatives:
General Manager, General

Exited Closed Session at 8:03PM

11. ADJOURNMENT: Meeting was adjourned at 8:04pm